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Copy that.  
I'll pass that along to our EPA counterparts.

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**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry

I have just spoke to our Communications Team. We feel this inquiry really is a discussion between the Owner and the EPA.

We do not feel this is an advantageous interview for San Juan County/Silverton leadership.

As far as the "Official"; it should probably be either EPA or someone the JIC feels appropriate to speak towards what happened.

Thanks. I am happy that our proposed process is functioning.

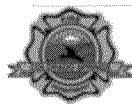
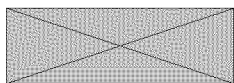
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**Subject:** Media Inquiry  
**Importance:** High

Hello Sir,

I've received a media inquiry from:

Ms. Melissa Blasius

Channel 9 News – Denver

303-437-2083

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Ms. Blasius says that she has been talking with the owner of the Gold King Mine (I believe she said Todd Hennis).

She says that she (or someone from her organization) is planning on visiting the site with the owner, tomorrow.

She says that she would like to interview an "Offical."

She wants to ask for a 12-month time line of EPA work at the mine.

She says that according to the owner, EPA began work at the mine in the fall of 2014 and stopped as winter drew near.

She reports that the owner states that he believes EPA contractors plugged the drain pipes at the mine when they stopped work in the fall.

He (the owner) says that EPA "caused their own problem," by blocking the drain.

She would also like to talk about future plans for clean up at the site and what effect winter weather will have on the retaining ponds.

Michael Davis, PIO/JIC Manager

